

MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD AT THE WARR ACRES COMMUNITY CENTER
4301 N ANN ARBOR**

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CITY OF WARR ACRES
THURSDAY
DECEMBER 9, 2004
6:00 P.M.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to Order, and Declaration of a quorum present was given.

PRESENT

ABSENT

Mayor Marietta Tardibono

Councilman Jimmy Alexander

Councilman Justin Frisbie

Councilwoman Nancy Olson

Councilman Barry Curl

Councilman Mike Gossman

Councilman Tom Smith

Councilwoman Leslie Owens

Councilman Bob Wehba (entered at 6:03p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT

Pamela McDowell-Ramirez, City Clerk

Roger Patty, Police Chief

Robert Jernigan, City Attorney

Scott Barrett, City Engineer

Mike Turman, City Inspector

2. Discussion and citizen questions concerning the MacArthur Project from 50th Street to 63rd Street for the purpose of informing the community of contacts, construction process, and any other pertinent information.

The meeting was turned over to Councilwoman Owens and she introduced Mr. Clowers the Engineer on the project and Mr. Barrett the City Engineer. After the introductions Mr. Barrett took over and told the audience of around 30 citizens that he would first go over the project and after he would be available for individual questions. He had a map of MacArthur and had markings on the map to indicate the changes to the street. He started by saying that this project really runs a three mile stretch from NW 34th to Wilshire and it is split into three

individual projects. He explained that the individual project sections are from NW 34th to the NW 50th Intersection; NW 50th to the NW 63rd Intersection; and from NW 63rd to Wilshire. He said that due to funding the center section will be first then the south section then the north. He said that most of the utilities have already been moved. He said that he will be getting with the City Clerk to send letters of encroachment out to certain property owners. These encroachments are trees, bushes or other items that in the right of way and must be removed. If they are left ODOT will destroy them and throw them away. He told that the bid letting appeared would take place in March which would have bids being taken in April and awarded in May and the construction should begin around the end of May. All right of way acquisitions are complete. He told that some things to expect are as follows: the street will remain open at all times and there will be access to side streets and driveways, however they may be dirt but to keep the dust to a minimum and to keep the area as clean as possible the will be dampened. Driveways will be taken out to the right of way and will be replaced to the right of way. There may be a couple of times that citizens would not have access to the drives and that would be during storm drain work and the pouring of new drives. These times should not be but for a few hours.

Councilwoman Owens stated that inquires will be taken at City Hall and then directed to the proper contact. She had prepared handouts which listed important phone numbers and she told those in attendance that all technical questions would have to be answered by Scott Barrett.

Mr. Barrett continued by telling that the construction of the street would add a fifth lane and would be advantageous because it would allow traffic to continue to flow and those waiting to turn left off MacArthur would be out of the flow while waiting to turn. He told that the project also called for sidewalks. The street will be asphalt with concrete curbs and intersections. The street will be widened by taking a ½ a lane width from each side. The street will be lower in certain areas to aid in the drainage of the street. At this point he told those in attendance that he had nothing further but anyone that would like to ask questions pertaining to their properties could stay and he and Mr. Clowers would answer those questions.

3. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned by the Mayor at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela McDowell-Ramirez
City Clerk